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June 15, 1976

The Honorable Henry E. Catto, Jr. Chief of Protocol Department of State Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Henry,

After your call, I checked up on the "gifts" situation. Apparently our staffs are working away on the problem and from this end, I feel the problem is being worked out. I have urged our people to get this matter resolved. I do ask that your people understand my legal responsibilities to protect certain information and this would relate to total protection of the names of those with whom we are dealing in foreign governments.

We will keep on this problem.

Sincerely, George Bush

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

10 June 1976

NOTE FOR THE DIRECTOR

FROM:

SUBJECT:

Gifts

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You mentioned the telephone call you received from Chief of Protocol Catto about turning in gifts.

As the attached note indicates, Agency officers have been at work on this problem with some of Catto's staff and the problem is being worked. No totally-agreed solution is yet in hand, but no major difficulties are foreseen. We hope to wrap it up soon.

with Shirley Temple Black.

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Attachment 6/10 Note for

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: Gifts from Foreign Governments and Officials

- 1. The Office of Personnel, in conjunction with the Office of General Counsel and Central Cover Staff, has been working with representatives of the Office of the Chief of Protocol since December, 1975 to reach an agreement on the handling of gifts. The Persian rug case which arose in early April was handled as a separate matter and did not settle the broader question of procedures.
- 2. We have been advised that the State Legal Adviser has some reservations about the Agency's proposed procedures, which may not be consistent with State regulations on the subject. The Assistant Chief of Protocol is sending a letter to the Director of Personnel expressing this concern. If the only problem is a legal one, representatives of OGC will attempt to resolve the matter with the State Legal Adviser.

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Assistant General Counsel

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What is the current status of this, please?
/s/Jack Blake"

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